

TO RACE OR NOT NO RACE?

Terms Under Which a Challenge Is Possible Sadly Mixed.

The Cup Committee's Puzzling Answers Complicate the Situation.

The America's Cup muddle is no nearer a solution than it was a month ago. The reply of the New York Yacht Club to Lord Dunsen's challenge, is so indefinite and puzzling, that by the time Lord Dunsen finds out what it all means a race will be almost an impossibility.

Lord Dunsen's attitude challenges admiration. In effect, he says: "I challenge under the conditions of 1892. If I win, you can challenge under the same conditions."

In reply, the Cup Committee of the New York Yacht Club says:

"We must insist on a receipt for the cup."

In other words, the Cup Committee now says that the conditions of 1892 are not satisfactory. It is to be seen that it is not under the strict interpretation of the new deed of gift. An explanatory letter serves still further to increase the mystery of the New York Yacht Club's purpose.

Lord Dunsen's answer to all these cables and letters is that he will not accept the challenge in order to enable me to build the building of the new yacht, and that he will let the receipt matter stand over for settlement between the two clubs.

Could the New York Yacht Club ask anything fairer? Lord Dunsen further says:

"You can tell the people on the other side that all I want is to be allowed to race. If I win I do not care whether they give me the Cup or not."

Whether the New York Yacht Club will accept this fair and sportsmanlike challenge in the spirit in which it is given, is a matter of conjecture. At present they insist that the Royal Yacht Squadron recognize the deed of gift. This the English yachtsmen refuse to do, on the ground that it is a most unfair and unsportsmanlike document.

The New York Yacht Club has all along insisted that the mutual agreement clause practically nullifies the deed of gift and makes a race practically under any conditions. Now, then, Lord Dunsen offers perfectly fair terms on the lines of the challenge of 1892. It falls back on the plea that that challenge was accepted under a misunderstanding and insists that the deed of gift must be recognized before negotiations can continue.

Lord Dunsen personally wants a race on any terms, and is willing to take these same terms to any future challenge. In case he should win the cup, he cannot, however, speak for the Royal Yacht Squadron, inasmuch as the members of that body have distinctly and emphatically refused to recognize the deed of gift.

If the Cup Committee declines to recognize the deed of gift, it has taken there is a chance that some patriotic American yachtsman will build a yacht and give Lord Dunsen the challenge he so earnestly desires.

Four members of the Cup Committee assembled this morning in ex-Commodore Smith's office. The chairman was not present, and nothing was done regarding the challenge.

Those present were Messrs. Canfield,

DEED OF GIFT CONDEMNED.

English Yachtsmen See No Chance of a Race Under Its Terms.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Post this morning publishes a leader on the interview with Commodore Smith, of the New York Yacht Club, in which it says that should the Club uphold the position taken by Commodore Smith, and cause the race to be abandoned, the holders of the Cup will have only themselves to blame.

Americans must see that English yachtsmen have nothing to do with the deed of gift. The deed has been condemned by every yachting club in Great Britain. Dunsen himself declared that no challenge could ever be made under its terms.

The Americans have plenty of time to build yachts. In the interest of international sport, it is hoped that a way will be found out of the deadlock.

SPORTING MISCELLANY.

It is hardly possible that the New York Yacht Club intentionally wishes to put itself in the attitude of being unwilling to challenge under terms which, two years ago, were deemed fair enough for a foreign challenger. They will not make it absolutely plain to Lord Dunsen that, under the "mutual agreement" clause, these terms could again be accepted, should he win the cup.

There is nothing in any of the deeds of gift which restricts the eligibility of competitors to yachts of England or America, and a French, German, Italian, Hawaiian, Chinese or any other sea-going nation has a right to race under the conditions expressed.

Perhaps the colored gentleman in the heat of the "no allowance" case, which should never have been inserted in the deed at all, for no board would care to take charge of a vessel of more power with a smaller crew. Yet that is just what might come from a literal application of the terms.

Properly considered, this would be a bar to the receipt of the cup, should our English cousins of inland competition would become theirs. Dunsen's sportsmanlike proposition to set aside a mutually unfair condition should be applied.

Send an old yachtsman to-day: "If I were to receive such a cable message as that sent to Dunsen, I would immediately reply, asking what mode of either was used, so that I might possibly arrive at the exact intent of the puzzle."

The Prince of Wales is going to Cannes in the "Hesperus," a sailor, fell in with a crowd of landmarks last night on Bayard street. He was stood up and rubbed of one penny and some papers. Jack retired, and was beaten for it. Patrick Bannan, of 12 Park Row, was arrested, after a hot chase, by Policeman Curry.

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POINTERS ON THE RACES.

Excellent Racing May Be Witnessed at Alexander Island.

Fields May Be Reduced by Withdrawals, However.

"EVENING WORLD SELECTIONS." First Race—Sirocco, Prince John, Chillon. Second Race—Charley R. Anxiety, Eddie M. Third Race—Pirate Chief, Cheddar, Prince Klamath. Fourth Race—Irene, Gorman, Cicada. Fifth Race—Marguerite, Lycium, Frolicsome Lass.

RACE TRACK, ALEXANDER ISLAND, Dec. 12.—The card here to-day is promising, and should furnish excellent sport. The track is in bad shape, however, and the weather is anything but fair. The large fields will probably be reduced considerably by scratches.

There is only one race over a mile. This is the third, in which Leigh, Eph, Red Star, Cheddar, Prince Klamath and Pirate Chief meet. The latter seems to hold his field safe.

Sirocco makes his appearance once more in the opening dash, but he will have his work cut out to beat Prince John, Chillon and Jack Lovell. Sirocco is very fond of mud and the distance exactly suits him.

With the exception of the fifth race, none of the other races looks especially interesting. In the last race Gold Digger, Lycium, Blackfoot, Marguerite, Frolicsome Lass and Reynard come together. The entries and selections are as follows:

First Race—Five furlongs. May Tay.....105 Red Cross.....105 Jack Lovell.....105 Lento.....105 Glimmer.....105 Chillon.....105 Cam. Roughan.....105 Sirocco.....105 Stringfellow.....105 Westworth.....105 Cordelia.....105 Pella.....105 Tobe Ross.....105 Berwyn.....105 Prince John.....105

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Charley R. may win this purse, with Anxiety second and Eddie M. third. Third Race—Selling; mile and a quarter. Pirate Chief should have no difficulty in winning this race. Cheddar ought to beat Prince Klamath for the place.

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